

House Bill 3372

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH; Representatives BOICE, HELM, JAVADI, WRIGHT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Makes permanent county safety corridor program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to safety corridors; amending ORS 153.020 and section 2, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019;
3 and repealing sections 5 and 6, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 2.** [(1)(a) *The Department of Transportation shall establish a safety corridor pilot program in*
7 *this state to evaluate the processes for and effectiveness of allowing counties to designate as safety*
8 *corridors roads over which the counties have road authority.*]

9 [(b) *The County Safety Corridor Advisory Group established in subsection (3)(a) of this section*
10 *shall select up to five counties in the state to participate in the pilot program established in paragraph*
11 *(a) of this subsection.*]

12 [(c) *The county commission for each county selected under paragraph (b) of this subsection may*
13 *designate one segment of highway that is between 2 and 10 miles long as a safety corridor.*]

14 [(d) *A safety corridor designated under paragraph (c) of this subsection must satisfy the criteria*
15 *established by the advisory group under subsection (3)(c)(A) of this section.*]

16 [(e) *The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*]

17 [(2)(a) (1) Each county [selected under subsection (1)(b) of this section] **may designate any of**
18 **its highways or any section of its highways as a safety corridor. Each county** shall post signs
19 in the safety [corridor] **corridors** designated by the county indicating that fines for traffic offenses
20 committed in [the safety corridor] **those safety corridors** will be doubled.

21 [(b) (2) The presumptive fine for a person charged with an offense that is listed in [paragraph
22 (e)(A) or (B) of this] subsection **(5)(a) or (b) of this section** and that is committed in a safety cor-
23 ridor designated by a county under this section shall be the amount established under ORS 153.020.

24 [(c) (3) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a misdemeanor offense that is listed in
25 [paragraph (e)(C) to (G) of this] subsection **(5)(c) to (g) of this section** and that is committed in a
26 safety corridor designated by a county under this section is 20 percent of the maximum fine estab-
27 lished for the offense.

28 [(d) (4) The minimum fine for a person convicted of a felony offense that is listed in [paragraph
29 (e)(C) to (G) of this] subsection **(5)(a) or (b) of this section** and that is committed in a safety cor-
30 ridor designated by a county under this section is two percent of the maximum fine established for
31 the offense.

32 [(e) (5) This [subsection] **section** applies to the following offenses if committed in the designated

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 safety corridors:

2 [(A)] (a) Class A or Class B traffic violations.

3 [(B)] (b) Class C or Class D traffic violations related to exceeding a legal speed.

4 [(C)] (c) Reckless driving, as defined in ORS 811.140.

5 [(D)] (d) Driving while under the influence of intoxicants, as defined in ORS 813.010.

6 [(E)] (e) Failure to perform the duties of a driver involved in a collision, as described in ORS
7 811.700 or 811.705.

8 [(F)] (f) Criminal driving while suspended or revoked, as defined in ORS 811.182.

9 [(G)] (g) Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, as defined in ORS 811.540.

10 [(3)(a) *The County Safety Corridor Advisory Group is established.*]

11 [(b) *The Director of Transportation shall appoint the following members to serve on the advisory
12 group:*]

13 [(A) *Two members who are representatives of the Department of Transportation;*]

14 [(B) *Two members who are representatives of counties;*]

15 [(C) *One member who is a firefighter or emergency medical services provider; and*]

16 [(D) *One member who is a representative of a law enforcement agency.*]

17 [(c) *The advisory group shall:*]

18 [(A) *Establish objective criteria for designating a segment of highway as a safety corridor under
19 subsection (1)(c) of this section;*]

20 [(B) *Establish requirements for the counties selected under subsection (1)(b) of this section, includ-
21 ing for regular community engagement, heightened enforcement, engineering improvements,
22 infrastructure investments and public outreach; and*]

23 [(C) *Establish content requirements for reports mandated under subsection (4)(a) of this section.*]

24 [(4)(a) *Each county selected under subsection (1)(b) of this section shall, in consultation with the
25 department, prepare two reports on its findings, including any recommendations for legislation, and
26 shall submit the reports to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly
27 related to transportation.*]

28 [(b) *The first report must be submitted no later than September 15, 2022. The second report must
29 be submitted no later than September 15, 2024.*]

30 [(c) *Each report must satisfy the content requirements established by the advisory group under
31 subsection (3)(c)(C) of this section.*]

32 **SECTION 2.** ORS 153.020, as amended by section 4, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended
33 to read:

34 153.020. (1) If a person is charged with a traffic violation, as defined in ORS 801.557, and the
35 enforcement officer issuing the citation notes on the citation that the offense occurred in a highway
36 work zone and is subject to the provisions of ORS 811.230, occurred in a posted school zone and is
37 subject to the provisions of ORS 811.235, or occurred in a safety corridor and is subject to the
38 provisions of ORS 811.483 **or section 2, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019**, the presumptive fine for
39 the violation is:

40 (a) \$875 for a Class A violation.

41 (b) \$525 for a Class B violation.

42 (c) \$325 for a Class C violation.

43 (d) \$225 for a Class D violation.

44 (2) Any surcharge imposed under ORS 1.188 shall be added to and made a part of the
45 presumptive fine.

1 **SECTION 3. Sections 5 and 6, chapter 501, Oregon Laws 2019, are repealed.**

2
